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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1986

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	DECEMBER 1985	FEBRUARY 1985
Total civilian labor force[a]	13,187	12,966	12,951	12,938
Total civilian employment	12,232	12,211	12,086	12,045
Total unemployment	955	755	865	893
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	7.2	5.8	6.7	6.9
Range[b]	6.5–7.9	5.1–6.5	6.0–7.4	6.2–7.6
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.3	6.7	6.9	7.3
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	13,119	12,951	12,923	12,870
Total civilian employment	12,105	12,102	12,113	11,915
Total unemployment	1,013	849	810	955
Unadjusted rate (percent)	7.7	6.6	6.3	7.4
Range[b]	7.0–8.4	5.9–7.3	5.6–7.0	6.7–8.1

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 5.8 percent in January 1986 to 7.2 percent in February 1986. A year ago, in February 1985, the rate was 6.9 percent. The number, seasonally adjusted, of people employed in California increased by 21,000 during the month to 12,232,000. Since February 1985, seasonally adjusted employment has increased by 187,000. The number, seasonally adjusted, of people seeking jobs was 955,000. This is an increase of 200,000 over the month and an increase of 62,000 over the same time last year.

During February 1986, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in California totaled 11,075,300, a gain of 24,000 jobs since the January survey. The largest employment increase was in the services sector where 25,500 new jobs were added over the month. Since February 1985, wage and salary employment has increased by 329,500 jobs. This represents an employment growth rate of 3.1 percent over the year. The largest increase, in terms of jobs added, is in services where 104,700 new jobs have been added. The largest percentage increase in employment, 5.8 percent, occurred in the finance, insurance and real estate sector.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1986	DECEMBER 1985	FEBRUARY 1985
Total				
Labor Force	13,119	12,951	12,923	12,870
Employed	12,105	12,102	12,113	11,915
Unemployed	1,013	849	810	955
Unemployment Rate	7.7	6.6	6.3	7.4
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	7,002	6,924	6,892	6,805
Employed	6,490	6,510	6,489	6,383
Unemployed	512	414	403	422
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.0	5.8	6.2
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,378	5,288	5,279	5,343
Employed	5,024	4,984	5,009	4,951
Unemployed	354	304	270	393
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.8	5.1	7.3
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	739	739	753	722
Employed	592	609	616	580
Unemployed	147	130	137	141
Unemployment Rate	19.9	17.6	18.2	19.5
White				
Labor Force	11,189	11,019	10,985	10,969
Employed	10,340	10,331	10,327	10,177
Unemployed	849	689	657	792
Unemployment Rate	7.6	6.2	6.0	7.2
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,930	1,932	1,939	1,901
Employed	1,766	1,771	1,786	1,737
Unemployed	164	161	153	164
Unemployment Rate	8.5	8.3	7.9	8.6

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS 2/ OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
California	$397.88	$427.66	$399.60	39.2	41.2	40.0	$10.15	$10.38	$9.99

2/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR FEBRUARY PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH FEBRUARY 86	PREVIOUS MONTH JANUARY 86	YEAR AGO FEBRUARY 85	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	11,075.3	11,051.3	10,745.8	24.0	329.5	0.2	3.1
Mining	49.2	49.4	50.1	−0.2	−0.9	−0.4	−1.8
Metal Mining	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	6.3
Fuel Mining	40.7	40.9	41.7	−0.2	−1.0	−0.5	−2.4
Nonmetal Mining	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	470 0	476.4	452.0	−6.4	18.0	−1.3	4.0
General Building Contractors	125.6	126.5	117.7	−0.9	7.9	−0.7	6.7
Heavy Construction	62.2	64.8	62.0	−2.6	0.2	−4.0	0.3
Special Trade Contractors	282.2	285.1	272.3	−2.9	9.9	−1.0	3.6
Manufacturing	2,077.5	2,075.2	2,061.8	2.3	15.7	0.1	0.8
Nondurable Goods	629.3	625.2	620.9	4.1	8.4	0.7	1.4
Durable Goods	1,448.2	1,450.0	1,440.9	−1.8	7.3	−0.1	0.5
Food and Kindred	157.8	158.3	157.2	−0.5	0.6	−0.3	0.4
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	4.4	4.8	4.9	−0.4	−0.5	−8.3	−10.2
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	41.7	41.4	41.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7
Other Food and Kindred Products	111.7	112.1	110.9	−0.4	0.8	−0.4	0.7
Textile Mill Products	13.8	13.6	13.4	0.2	0.4	1.5	3.0
Apparel and Other Textile Products	110.6	107.2	107.9	3.4	2.7	3.2	2.5
Paper and Allied Products	40.6	40.4	39.6	0.2	1.0	0.5	2.5
Printing and Publishing	141.5	140.8	137.2	0.7	4.3	0.5	3.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.6	63.7	63.2	−0.1	0.4	−0.2	0.6
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.4	28.6	29.5	−0.2	−1.1	−0.7	−3.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	65.9	65.5	65.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.8
Leather and Leather Products	7.1	7.1	7.5	0.0	−0.4	0.0	−5.3
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	56.4	56.0	50.9	0.4	5.5	0.7	10.8
Furniture and Fixtures	60.1	60.5	59.1	−0.4	1.0	−0.7	1.7
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.5	50.4	49.7	0.1	0.8	0.2	1.6
Primary Metal Industries	41.4	41.2	42.0	0.2	−0.6	0.5	−1.4
Fabricated Metal Products	146.2	145.6	145.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5
Machinery except Electrical	222.6	223.2	236.5	−0.6	−13.9	−0.3	−5.9
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	419.0	419.9	420.2	−0.9	−1.2	−0.2	−0.3
Transportation Equipment	304.7	306.3	287.3	−1.6	17.4	−0.5	6.1
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	35.7	35.2	33.7	0.5	2.0	1.4	5.9
Aircraft and Parts	161.2	162.6	148.0	−1.4	13.2	−0.9	8.9
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	16.8	17.2	17.1	−0.4	−0.3	−2.3	−1.8
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	79.0	79.5	77.3	−0.5	1.7	−0.6	2.2
Other Transportation Equipment	12.0	11.8	11.2	0.2	0.8	1.7	7.1
Instruments and Related Products	112.7	112.4	114.5	0.3	−1.8	0.3	−1.6
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	34.6	34.5	35.2	0.1	−0.6	0.3	−1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	559.2	562.4	554.7	−3.2	4.5	−0.6	0.8
Transportation	315.8	316.3	306.4	−0.5	9.4	−0.2	3.1
Railroads	23.4	23.4	24.0	0.0	−0.6	0.0	−2.5
Trucking and Warehousing	127.8	127.3	123.1	0.5	4.7	0.4	3.8
Other Transportation	164.6	165.6	159.3	−1.0	5.3	−0.6	3.3
Communications	161.6	164.4	168.9	−2.8	−7.3	−1.7	−4.3
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	81.8	81.7	79.4	0.1	2.4	0.1	3.0
Wholesale Trade	678.4	675.2	660.4	3.2	18.0	0.5	2.7
Retail Trade	1,960.8	1,979.9	1,884.1	−19.1	76.7	−1.0	4.1
General Merchandise Stores	238.9	256.3	235.8	−17.4	3.1	−6.8	1.3
Food Stores	274.5	276.1	263.9	−1.6	10.6	−0.6	4.0
Other Retail Trade	1,447.4	1,447.5	1,384.4	−0.1	63.0	−0.0	4.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	749.3	746.1	708.1	3.2	41.2	0.4	5.8
Finance	364.3	362.5	347.4	1.8	16.9	0.5	4.9
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	196.0	195.4	189.4	0.6	6.6	0.3	3.5
Real Estate	168.2	167.7	151.7	0.5	16.5	0.3	10.9
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	20.8	20.5	19.6	0.3	1.2	1.5	6.1
Services	2,682.0	2,656.5	2,577.3	25.5	104.7	1.0	4.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	139.6	137.5	139.5	2.1	0.1	1.5	0.1
Personal Services	127.2	125.4	115.8	1.8	11.4	1.4	9.8
Business Services	642.5	637.2	618.3	5.3	24.2	0.8	3.9
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	165.1	164.2	158.9	0.9	6.2	0.5	3.9
Motion Pictures	73.5	74.1	75.8	−0.6	−2.3	−0.8	−3.0
Amusement and Recreation Services	108.5	106.5	104.0	2.0	4.5	1.9	4.3
Health Services	662.1	660.1	634.1	2.0	28.0	0.3	4.4
Other Services	763.5	751.5	730.9	12.0	32.6	1.6	4.5
Government	1,848.9	1,830.2	1,797.3	18.7	51.6	1.0	2.9
Federal Government	346.3	346.7	336.2	−0.4	10.1	−0.1	3.0
State and Local Governments	1,502.6	1,483.5	1,461.1	19.1	41.5	1.3	2.8
County	232.6	231.8	224.8	0.8	7.8	0.3	3.5
City	197.9	197.1	191.2	0.8	6.7	0.4	3.5
Education	799.7	781.9	777.2	17.8	22.5	2.3	2.9
Education State	153.1	148.5	150.4	4.6	2.7	3.1	1.8
Education Local	646.6	633.4	626.8	13.2	19.8	2.1	3.2
Other State and Local	272.4	272.7	267.9	−0.3	4.5	−0.1	1.7
State exc ed	177.4	177.0	175.5	0.4	1.9	0.2	1.1
Special District	95.0	95.7	92.4	−0.7	2.6	−0.7	2.8
Total Agriculture	253.8	262.3	256.3	−8.5	−2.5	−3.2	−1.0

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
JANUARY 1986

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,950,700	12,102,200	848,500	6.6
Alameda	621,375	585,400	35,975	5.8
Alpine	800	775	25	3.5
Amador	8,175	7,375	800	9.9
Butte	66,275	59,575	6,700	10.1
Calaveras	9,675	8,625	1,050	10.8
Colusa	6,700	5,350	1,350	20.2
Contra Costa	367,775	348,250	19,525	5.3
Del Norte	6,750	5,725	1,025	15.1
El Dorado	51,000	47,600	3,400	6.7
Fresno	271,700	236,900	34,800	12.8
Glenn	10,475	9,050	1,425	13.7
Humboldt	46,600	41,475	5,125	11.0
Imperial	38,250	30,900	7,350	19.3
Inyo	9,400	8,825	575	6.1
Kern	214,100	191,300	22,800	10.6
Kings	32,650	28,650	4,000	12.3
Lake	15,925	13,725	2,200	13.8
Lassen	8,650	7,550	1,100	12.8
Los Angeles	4,031,000	3,765,000	266,000	6.6
Madera	33,475	29,500	3,975	11.9
Marin	124,125	119,725	4,400	3.6
Mariposa	5,850	5,300	550	9.3
Mendocino	31,825	27,900	3,925	12.3
Merced	64,400	55,200	9,200	14.3
Modoc	4,050	3,575	475	11.7
Mono	4,700	4,400	300	6.2
Monterey	143,700	125,000	18,700	13.0
Napa	46,350	43,300	3,050	6.6
Nevada	26,675	24,600	2,075	7.8
Orange	1,188,200	1,144,400	43,800	3.7
Placer	68,300	64,100	4,200	6.1
Plumas	7,975	6,625	1,350	16.9
Riverside	341,300	319,500	21,800	6.4
Sacramento	443,200	417,400	25,800	5.8
San Benito	14,175	11,925	2,250	15.9
San Bernardino	450,300	424,900	25,400	5.6
San Diego	970,300	927,800	42,500	4.4
San Francisco	400,650	380,675	19,975	5.0
San Joaquin	177,600	156,100	21,500	12.1
San Luis Obispo	84,650	80,650	4,000	4.7
San Mateo	335,150	323,100	12,050	3.6
Santa Barbara	169,500	161,300	8,200	4.8
Santa Clara	801,500	757,500	44,000	5.5
Santa Cruz	113,300	103,100	10,200	9.0
Shasta	51,400	44,400	7,000	13.6
Sierra	1,375	1,150	225	16.4
Siskiyou	17,250	14,450	2,800	16.3
Solano	120,675	112,800	7,875	6.5
Sonoma	172,100	161,500	10,600	6.1
Stanislaus	138,300	119,400	18,900	13.7
Sutter	22,325	18,425	3,900	17.5
Tehama	17,775	15,825	1,950	11.0
Trinity	5,200	4,250	950	18.1
Tulare	127,100	111,800	15,300	12.0
Tuolumne	15,350	13,600	1,750	11.4
Ventura	309,300	289,900	19,400	6.3
Yolo	64,300	58,100	6,200	9.6
Yuba	19,700	17,000	2,700	13.7

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted. Imperial County estimates are lower beginning with the January 1986 report due to a change in the method of estimating unemployment.